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SUBJECT: AU AND ECOWAS TO MEET IN ABUJA TO DISCUSS SUDAN,
GUINEA, AND NIGER

UPCOMING AU AND ECOWAS MEETINGS IN ABUJA

[1](#)1. (SBU) The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) will convene a "consultative meeting of major Nigerien actors" in Abuja October 30 under the chairmanship of ECOWAS Mediator for Niger General Abdulsalami Abubakar. An ECOWAS representative informed PolMilOff October 22 that ECOWAS would invite members of Tandja's government, Niger opposition parties, and key Niger stakeholders to the meeting but did not yet release an agenda or a list of planned participants. This meeting will fall on the heels of the October 29 African Union (AU) Peace and Security Council (PSC) meeting, which will focus on Darfur and likely also address Guinea and Niger.

SUSPENSION OF NIGER

[1](#)2. (SBU) ECOWAS suspended Niger membership October 22, under its Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, after Niger ignored an October 17 request by Heads of State to postpone its October 20 legislative elections. In a statement, ECOWAS President Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas condemned Niger's "serious breaches of the ECOWAS Protocol," noting that "the authorities of Niger have clearly moved to further entrench the constitutional illegality currently prevailing in the country."
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